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SUBJECT: FY-74 INNOVATIVE EDUCATION SEMINAR

1. AMONG PROJECTS INCLUDED IN FY-74 CPM IS PROPOSAL REPEAT INNOVATIVE EDUCATION SEMINAR AND FOLLOW UP US WORKSHOP/TOUR. SEMINAR TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TAKE PLACE LAGOS LATE OCTOBER AND TO BE JOINTLY SPONSORED BY USIS AND LAGOS STATE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION WITH MRS. RHODA JOHNSTON (DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR LAGOS STATE AND FY-72 UMASS RETURNEE) AS COORDINATOR. PARTICIPANTS TO INCLUDE REMAINING 11 UMASS RETURNEES IN CONSULTANT ROLES AS WELL AS SELECTED PERSONS FROM FEDERAL AND STATE MINISTRIES.

2. THIS YEAR, AS IN PAST, WE WOULD ALSO LIKE INVITE AN AMERICAN EDUCATOR AS A SHORT TERM AMERICAN GRANTEE TO BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND ACT AS COORDINATOR/ORGANIZER FOR FOLLOW UP US WORKSHOP/TOUR. SINCE UMASS HAS HAD PROJECT FOR TWO YEARS, WE BELIEVE SITE FOR FY-74 SHOULD BE CHANGED AND WOULD LIKE EXPLORE POSSIBILITY HAVING DR. CYNTHIA SHEPHARD PERRY, PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION, TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, HOUSTON, TEXAS, AS STAG. DR. PERRY ORGANIZED AN ETHNIC STUDY PROGRAM FOR 26 TEXAS EDUCATORS WHO VISITED NIGERIA AND TWO OTHER WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF DHEW. WE WERE NOT ONLY IMPRESSED WITH DR. PERRY'S CREDENTIALS (PH.D. IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION FROM UMASS) BUT ALSO WITH HER WARMTH, CHARM, INTELLIGENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITY. WE REALIZED, SEEING HER INTERACT WITH MEMBERS OF GROUP AND NIGERIANS THAT SHE QUICKLY ESTABLISHES A NATURAL RAPPORT AND CAN CONTROL ANY SITUATION. IN ADDITION, WE BELIEVE DR. PERRY'S PARTICIPATION WOULD PROVIDE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY EXPOSE KEY GROUPS NIGERIAN EDUCATORS TO ACHIEVEMENTS OF A BLACK EDUCATION, AND THAT THE TEXAS

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SOUTHERN WORKSHOP EXPOSURE WOULD ADD YET ANOTHER

DIMENSION TO THIS AWARENESS.

3. ALTHOUGH SEMINAR DATES NOT FIRM, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION DEPARTMENT'S REACTION THIS PROPOSAL AND, IF ACCEPTABLE, QUERY DR. PERRY RE HER INTEREST AND AVAILABILITY.

4. FOR MORE INDEPTH ASSESSMENT DR. PERRY, SUGGEST YOU CONTACT DR. MICHAEL MARGE OR DR. WILLIAM MARTINS AT DHEW.

5. ADVISE.
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